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In re Application of
Jacqueline E. Heard, et. al.
Application No. 10/714,887
Filed: November 13, 2003
Attorney Docket No. MBI-0058CIP

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: DECISION ON PETITIONS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND (a)(6)
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This is a decision on the petitions under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), filed June 27, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 119(e) for the benefit of the prior-filed applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petitions are **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Additionally, the instant nonprovisional application must be pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Further, the nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application must have been filed within twelve months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application. All the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed applications. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) and under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1638, for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § §120 and 119(e) of the prior-filed nonprovisional and provisional applications.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Andrea Smith at (571) 272-3226. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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ATTACHMENT : Corrected Filing Receipt

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 and claims benefit of 60/129,450 04/15/1999
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 which claims benefit of 60/166,228 11/17/1999
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 which claims benefit of 60/411,837 09/18/2002
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 and claims benefit of 60/465,809 04/24/2003

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/04/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/714,887**

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Plant transcriptional regulators of drought stress

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